GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING WITH U.S. ARMY CHIEF
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had a meeting with the U.S. Chief of Army Staff on February 18, 2002 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held with him; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Chairman of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard B. Myers, visited India on 17 - 18 February 2002 at the invitation of the Chairman of the Chief of Staffs Committee.General Myers also called on the Minister of External Affairs.They discussed bilateral relations particularly India-U.S. defence cooperation and regional and international security issues of mutual concern.They agreed that India and the United States have many common security interests in Asia and beyond and expressed support for stronger and mutually beneficial India- U.S. defence cooperation.